

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration and entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are allowed.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claim 9 was objected to for informalities. Claims 1-16 were allowed.

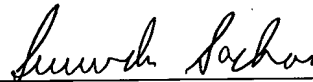
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of Claims 1-16.

With regard to the objection to Claim 9, Claim 9 is amended to correct informalities. Accordingly, the objection to Claim 9 is believed to be overcome.

Accordingly, in view of the prior indication of allowability, no further issues are outstanding and entry of the present amendment is believed to be in order. The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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